

MATTHEWS TO HEAD IRS CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON -- The Internal Revenue Service today named Mark E. Matthews as the first Chief of the reorganized Criminal Investigation function.

IRS's Criminal Investigation function has sole responsibility for investigating criminal violations of the tax code and also investigates money laundering and narcotics-related financial crimes.

Matthews is joining Criminal Investigation during a time of significant organizational change. For the first time, the Chief of Criminal Investigation will have line authority over all 4,500 CI employees throughout the U.S. and will report directly to the IRS Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner.

"Mark brings to this critically important position an exceptional combination of experience in prosecution of financial crimes, management in government agencies and private law practice," said Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Matthews has 14 years of experience in the prosecution and litigation of financial crimes. His most recent public service was as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, responsible for criminal tax prosecutions at the Justice Department's Tax Division.

He has previously worked at the Treasury Department as a Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement. Before that, Matthews was an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York where he was responsible for the direction of grand jury investigations and prosecution of federal criminal cases. He has served in other governmental positions as a Special Assistant to the Director at both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency. Most recently, he was in private law practice at the firm of Crowell & Moring.

A graduate of Harvard College, Matthews went on to earn a master's degree in public administration from Princeton University. He also is a graduate of the New York University School of Law.

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